

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

File No.

Section I, Special Branch. 58/10

REPORT

Date May 4th, 1940.

Subject (in full) Shanghai Power Company - Labour situation at
Riverside normal.

Made by D.S.I. Kao Yen-ken. Forwarded by D. I. Crawford.

The labour situation in the Riverside Power Station, 2800 Yangtzepoo Road, is normal this morning, May 4th, and all labour unrest has now subsided.

Shun Yao-nung (58/10-1), a testing assistant, who was discharged on May 2nd for posting a copy of the management's letter without permission, was reinstated on May 4th, after being cautioned by the management.

Kao Yen-ken.
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Date May 3 1940

Subject Shanghai Power Company - Labour situation at Riverside.

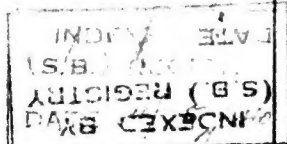
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The labour situation in the Riverside Power Station, 2800 Yangtsepoo Road, is normal this morning, May 3.

Following the discharge on May 2 of Shun Yao Hung (申 耀 洪), the testing assistant, who meanwhile serves as the spokesman of the workers to demand an increase in wages, there was much talk among the workers at Riverside Power Station on May 2. They supported the testing assistant as their leader and opined that it was not justifiable to discharge him, but no definite form of support was decided upon on May 2.

On the afternoon of May 2, Mr. A.I. Biers, Chief of the Personnel Department of the Power Company, had an interview with the discharged worker in his office and tactfully investigated the matter. Report from the worker is that he was given the copy of a letter which was sent to the company requesting a permission of discharge. He stated that he had no objection to the discharge of the workers' spokesman, but that he would leave the workers' station. He also stated that he was willing to accept the result of investigations and decisions of the office.

On the morning of May 3, a group of workers called at the office of the Chief of the Personnel Department (Lung Ngoeh Li), 7 Yangtsepoo Road, and expressed their opinion to him that something should be done by the



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workers to demand his reinstatement . He, however, advised them that the more agitation the workers conduct, the worse would his position be with the management. The workers agreed to keep quiet for the time being. It is believed that this man will be re-instated in the near future after the Company is satisfied that he has exercised a restraining influence on the workers.

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It is learned that the workers are naming him their leader in the present agitation and it is expected that his dismissal will result in some reaction from the employees in general when they gather in the mess room at noon to-day, May 2. The situation is being watched.

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Kao Yen-ken
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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

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REPORT

Date May 1 19 40

Subject. Shanghai Power Company - unrest among workers in Riverside
Power Station.

Made by. D.S.I. Kao Yen Ken Forwarded by. D. I. Crawford.

Labour unrest now prevails among the 1,500 workmen employed at the Riverside Power Station, Shanghai Power Company, 2800 Yangtszepoo Road, who are agitating for an increase in wages.

On April 29, Shun Yao-hung, (盛耀洪), aged 48, a native of Shanghai, residing at Lane 1825, 7 Yangtszepoo Road, a testing assistant in the Generating Department, Riverside Power Station, delivered a letter to the management. The letter was signed by 39 employees mostly clerks and foremen in the Riverside Power Station. They demanded that a further increase in pay be granted to all employees at Riverside.

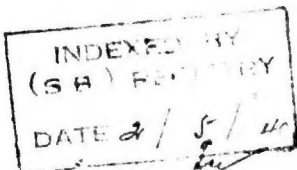
It will be noted that since the outbreak of hostilities in 1937, the management has granted a 50% increase in wages in addition to a rice allowance on a sliding scale; the present rate being \$10 a month while the price of rice is around \$40.

In connection with the demand, it is learned that the management is not prepared to grant any increase as it has been looking after the interests of the employees from time to time of its own accord. On the morning of May 1, the management had an interview with the writers of the letter, at Riverside Station and explained to them that a further increase would not be granted.

It is now learned that the agitators will hold a meeting in the mess room of the Riverside Power Station at noon to-day, May 1, to discuss the issue.

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Kao Yen Ken
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REPORT

Date September 14, 1939.

Subject. Shanghai Power Company - Employees at Riverside Station

attempt to form organization.

Made by D.S.I. Kao Yen-ken Forwarded by R. W. Mac Ghee D.S.I.

Information was received to the effect that a number of Chinese employees at the Riverside Power Station had formed a "Yah Dzu Society" (雅叙会) and that the society was soliciting members among the employees, the organization having the ostensible object of promoting mutual friendship among the workers. The members, according to the schedule, should meet once a month and hold a dinner party.

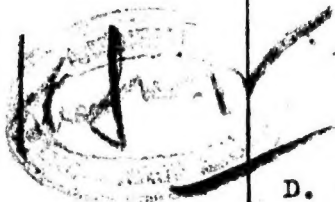
When asked about its formation in detail and informed that organizations situated in the International Settlement are required to register with the Shanghai Municipal Police, Chen Wen-chi (陳文祺), one of the promoters, who is a clerk in the Time Office of the Riverside Power Station, on September 13 declared that the workers of their own accord had decided to cancel the project of forming the society.

Attention is being paid to the matter by Special Branch in order to ascertain whether the promoters have really abandoned the scheme which would appear to be an attempt at organizing labour.

Kao Yen-ken
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REPORT

Date August 30, 1935

Subject Shanghai Power Company - A handbill urging workers in
the Riverside Depot to expose a clerk.

Made by D.S.I. Kao Yen-ken

Forwarded by

On August 28, a copy of a mimeographed handbill, purporting to emanate from the "Whole Body of Workers in the Riverside Power Station" entitled "The Cunning Clerk in the Coal Department" was delivered to the Manager of the Riverside Power Station of the Shanghai Power Company. It is reported that copies of the same handbill were also found in the Riverside Depot on the same day.

The handbill states that Sung Dz-tsung (沈時春), a clerk employed at the Riverside Power Station, has approached the Shanghai Power Company's coal contractors on behalf of the firemen, ashmen and coal transportation coolies, and extorted money from them.

On the ground that the good reputation of the workers has been affected by Sung's misconduct, the pamphlet concludes by urging the workers to rise and expose Sung Dz-tsung.

Attempts to obtain a copy of the handbill have been unsuccessful.

This information was obtained
from Biggs of the S.P.C.

Kao Yen-ken
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Activities of the Shanghai Water & Electricity Supply Labour Union, Eastern branch, Lane 1963, House 12 Yangtszepoo Road.

D.S.I. Smith.

Sir,

On the morning of the 3/2/41 Mr. W. Logan, Personnel Department, Shanghai Power Company, No. 181 Nanking Road, came to this station and reported to D.S.I. Smith that he had reason to believe that the Shanghai Water & Electricity Supply Labour Union, Eastern branch, Lane 1963, House No. 12 Yangtszepoo Road, was attempting to induce employees of the Riverside Power Station, to join the union.

On the 30/1/41 a petition containing a number of demands for an increase in basic pay and general improvement of conditions, is alleged to have been passed among the Chinese employees at the Riverside Power Station, for signatures. Eighty workers are believed to have signed the petition some of whom later reconsidered their action and deleted their names. It is said that the petition was eventually destroyed.

At 8 p.m. 3/2/41 four Riverside Power Station employees named below visited the Shanghai Water & Electricity Supply Labour Union and registered their names.

1. Woo Kuo Pau (吳國寶), Clerk, residing at Lane 2747/37 Yangtszepoo Road.
2. Wong Kuo Tsang (王國堂) boiler-room foreman, residing at 2725 Yangtszepoo Road.
3. Yang Ah Nyi (楊阿乙) boiler-room foreman, residing at Lane 2747/27 Y'poo Road.
4. Koo Ah Ching (顧阿金) boiler-room foreman, residing at Lane 1963/3 Y'poo Road.

C.D.S. 108 who had been detailed to keep the

premises under observation, questioned the four men and they stated that on the 1/2/41 an unknown male Chinese visited their homes and informed them to present themselves at the union's office at 8 p.m. 3/2/41, otherwise they would be punished (處徒刑).

The activities of the staff of this union are being kept under observation and in cases where proof can be obtained that threats are being employed to secure members, necessary action will be taken.

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Section 1, Special Branch. 53/10

February 5, 1941/41

Eastern District Water & Electricity Workers' Union - new union
formed to organize Shanghai Power Company workers.

An "Eastern District Section of the
Shanghai Branch of the Social Movement Direction
Committee" has been established at Lane 1963, 12
Yangtszepoo Road. Tsang Vee Liang (掌班良) is in charge. Tsang is also connected with the
Youth's Group, Lane 37, 119 Brennan Road, C.O.I.
and most of the staff members are former members
of the now defunct Eastern District Squatters'
Federation, Chaoyang Road.

A new union entitled "Shanghai Municipality
Eastern District Water & Electricity Workers' Union"
(上海市東區水電產業工會) was
recently formed with an office in the "Eastern
District Section of the Shanghai Branch, Social
Movement Direction Committee".

This new union is endeavouring to canvass
members from amongst the workers of the Shanghai
Power Company at Riverside Power Station. Between
7 p.m. and 8 p.m. on February 3 and 4, a total of
some 40 ^{er/} workers of the Shanghai Power Company
registered with this union. On registering, each
Worker was made to fill in a form (specimen attached),
a translation of which is given hereunder :-

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"Shanghai Municipality Eastern District
Water and Electricity Workers' Union.

Registration Form

No.

Date :

Name :

Age :

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Profession :

Residential address :

Remarks :

Registrar :

Introducer :

Note: 1. Members of this union should

strictly observe the regulations
and resolutions of the union.

2. Members are not allowed to reveal
the secrets of this union on pain
of severe punishment".

This union is in the course of formation at the
present time and has the intention of controlling
the labour in the employ of Shanghai Power Company.
Tsang Vee Liang is assisted by a loafer named Tong
ching Hsiang (王 錫 强) who is handling the
management of the union.

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REPORT

Date 29 1 35
March 29, 1935

Subject (in full) Shanghai Power Company - Unrest among chauffeurs
subsides.

Made by Clerk Kao Yen-keng Forwarded by H. Grubb

The unrest which existed among the 70 chauffeurs of the Shanghai Power Company who were agitating against the order requiring them to stand by in turn during the night and on Sundays, has subsided. Three new chauffeurs have been taken on by the management so that the work of the chauffeurs will not be so arduous.

Information obtained by the undersigned.

Kao Yen-keng
Clerk.

D. C. (Special Branch).

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REPORT

Date March 18, 1935.

Subject Shanghai Power Company - Unrest among chauffeurs.

Made by Clark Kao Yen-keng

Forwarded, by

H. Grubel & Co.

Unrest now exists among the 70 chauffeurs of the Shanghai Power Company who are agitating against being required to stand by in rotation for Sunday and night work. For this no extra pay is issued.

On March 9, some thirty of them called at the Transportation Department, Fearon Road Depot. Chauffeurs Nos. 62, 49, 42 and 13 interviewed and lodged complaints with Mr. E.R. Rodgers. The latter promised to consider the matter and reply later.

Enquiries show that these chauffeurs are not organized, nor have they any particular leader, matters being discussed among themselves in the vicinity of their garages when they are at leisure.

Noted 23/3/35.
K. Rodgers

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REPORT

Date December 5, 1934

Subject (in full) Shanghai Power Company - Collection of Subscriptions among Workers at Riverside to maintain Union office.

Made by D. S. Sansom

Forwarded by

H. Goubert

Woo Shang (和尙), Yih Zuan-sung (葉瑞生) and Chu Ah-zien (朱阿泉), foremen of workers of Nos. 1, 2 & 3 Boiler Rooms at Riverside Power Station respectively, collected on or about November 30 subscriptions from amongst workers under them to pay for the maintenance of the office of the 4th District Water & Electricity Workers' Union, 117 Foh Yeu Road, City. There are about 60 mechanics and 50 coolies employed in the said workshops, the former being charged 20 cents each and the latter 10 cents each. The money was disposed of by Yih Zuan-sung.

It is learned that these three collectors conducted a similar campaign in October, 1934.

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Please inform Riverside Power Co. Shanghai Power Co.

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Date November 26, 1934

REPORT

Subject (in full) Shanghai Power Company - Activities of Workers' Union

Made by D.S. Sansom

Forwarded by

H. Gumbel S.S.

The functions of the 4th District Water and Electricity Workers' Union, 117 Foh Yeu Road, City, remain suspended.

On the afternoon of November 24, Chen Pao-an

(陳寶安), Wu Yeu-sung (胡友生) and Yu Ling-zien

(俞林全) met in the Union offices. The following were

the points they talked about and decided to carry out :-

1. That a meeting of committee members should be convened to discuss means to assist Li Teh-tsang (李德章), a worker of Boiler Room of the Riverside Power Station, who was recently dismissed owing to alleged negligence in work.

2. That measures should be devised to deal with Yang Yoong and Chun Sz-foo (龔志富), foremen in Fearon Road Depot, who were responsible for allying with other foremen to break the Union.

3. That Fang Dz-sung (方如昇), a clerk of the General Labour Union, should be requested to draft a reply to the Bureau of Social Affairs who had in writing instructed the Union to send a representative to the Bureau on November 23 to report the Union activities. The Union failed to comply with the Bureau instruction and intends to report its activities in black and white.

4. That Wu Yeu-sung should approach Chu Ah-zien for means to pay the wages due to ex-clerk Chow Hsueh-shing and rent in arrears.

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November 26, 1934.

Labour

General Labour Union - Meeting

Some ten members of the General Labour Union held a meeting in their office at 117 Foh Yeu Road, at 3.15 p.m. November 24 and passed the following resolutions :-

1. That Tu Yuch-sung be requested to negotiate with the Management of the Great China Rubber Factory for the reinstatement of the 103 ex-workers recently dismissed.
2. That the local Kuomintang and the Bureau of Social Affairs be requested to secure the release of the three members of the Ship Passengers' Safety Association, who have been arrested by detectives attached to the Woosung Shanghai Defence Commissioner's Headquarters.
3. That local labour unions be instructed to forward a report on their activities and the existing agreements between their members and employers to the Committee of the General Labour Union.
4. That the application of the 4th District Water and Electricity Workers' Union to suspend the payment of membership fees to the General Labour Union owing to financial straits be approved.

With reference to Resolution No.3 an instruction has been received from the Ministry of Industry to compile statistics on the activities of local labour unions as well as the existing Labour-Capital agreements.

Dispute between Seamen's General Labour Union and Ship Passengers' Safety Association over vacancy for cabin boy on s.s. "Hsin Kiang Tien" - members of the latter Association arrested by the Soong-Wu Headquarters

At 7 a.m. November 24 the Detective Corps of the Woosung and Shanghai Defence Commissioner's Headquarters arrested three cabin boys of the s.s. "Hsin Kiang Tien" at the Kyung Lee Yuan Wharf, French Bund. These three

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REPORT

Date October 24, 1934

Subject (in full) Shanghai Power Company - Secret Movement for the
Resuscitation of Workers' Union.

Made by and Forwarded by D. I. Grubb

Secret enquiries made at the Shanghai Labourers' Club, 545 Kiukiang Road, show that Chu Ah-zien (朱阿全), Yih Yeu-keng (葉友根), Chen Pao-an (陳寶安) and Chang Pao-tai (張寶泰), leaders in the present union resuscitation movement, have formulated a plan of approaching those workers in sympathy with the movement and forming cells among same as the initial step in their project. Yu Ling-zien (俞林全) and Chao Teh-zien (曹德全), operatives of the Fearon Road Power Station, will be responsible for carrying out the scheme at Fearon Road, while Loh Ching-wu (陸慶和) and Chen Pao-an (陳寶安), workers of the Riverside Power Station, have been appointed to undertake the same task at Riverside. These agitators claim that there are more workers in support of the movement at Fearon Road than at Riverside.

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REPORT

Date October 22, 1934

Subject (in full) Shanghai Power Company - workers in Riverside Depot

make endeavours to resuscitate their Union.

Made by and Forwarded by D. I. Grubb

In view of the fact that part of the workers at Riverside Power Station hold the opinion that the closing down of their 4th District Water & Electricity Workers' Union will possibly give rise to more oppression on the part of the management, Chu Ah-zien (朱阿全) and one named Yih (叶) of the No.2 Boiler Room of the Riverside Station are reported to have been discussing measures to resuscitate the union. Wu Yeu-sung (胡有生), a leader in the union movement, is not taking any part in the resuscitation activities. Yih, it is learned, is supported by a number of workers at Riverside.

Observation, however, shows that the majority of the operatives of that power station are not in favour of the revival of the Union at present.

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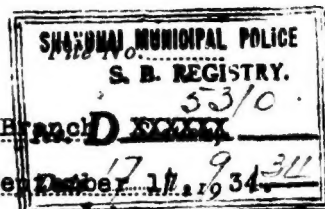
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REPORT

Date September 17, 1934

Subject (in full) Shanghai Power Company - meeting of Workers' Union.

Made by _____ and _____ Forwarded by D. I. Grubb

Nine committee members of the 4th District Water & Electricity Workers' Union held a meeting in their office, 117 Foh Yeu Road, City, between 6 p.m. and 7 p.m. September 15. Chu Ah-zien (朱阿全) presided and reported that the Union had been compelled to discharge its staff and suspend its daily work owing to the lack of support from the workers.

The following resolutions were then passed :-

1. That the committee members each contribute half a day's wages per mensem for the maintenance of the Union's office and liquidation of its debts.
2. That the General Labour Union be requested to prepare all documents, if any, in future on behalf of the Union.

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resolved that the Union office be retained and that enthusiastic committee members should attend and meet on holidays occasionally. Furthermore, the enthusiastic committee members should, according to their decision, continue to exert their efforts in collecting voluntary membership fees from union supporters as well as money due to the Union from the workers with a view to liquidating the debts of the Union.

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